

Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

v.

RODERICK HISOLA WHITT,
Defendant.

CASE NO. MJ24-068

COMPLAINT for VIOLATION

Title 18 U.S.C. § 871

BEFORE, Michelle L. Peterson, United States Magistrate Judge, U. S.
Courthouse, Seattle, Washington.

The undersigned, Jacob Nelson, complainant being duly sworn states:

COUNT ONE

(Threat towards the President of the United States)

On or about January 11, 2024, in King County, within the Western District of
Washington, RODERICK HISOLA WHITT did knowingly and willfully make a threat to
take the life of and to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States.

1 Specifically, the defendant stated in part, "Yea its RODERICK HISOLA WHITT. The
2 real second. I'm here in Seattle [inaudible] I'ma come over there and I'm going to hunt
3 down Joe Biden and Kevin McCarthy and I'm going to fucking kill them. RODERICK
4 HISOLA WHITT. Death threats towards the President, Politicians, always. Until the day
5 I die and ascend. I hope you're understanding me. I hope you get this message.
6 RODERICK HISOLA WHITT. I am your worst fucking nightmare. I'm your biggest
7 threat. Kill me and find out."

8 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 871.

9 And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following
10 information:

11 I, Jacob Nelson, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

12 1. I am an investigative law enforcement officer of the United States within
13 the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 2510(7). As such, I am empowered to conduct investigations
14 of, and to make arrests for, violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 871, and
15 related offenses. I am employed as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service
16 (USSS) and have been so employed since September 2022. I am currently assigned to the
17 Seattle Field Office – General Investigations Squad. Some of my duties include, but are
18 not limited to, investigating threats towards the President and Vice President of the
19 United States (POTUS and VPOTUS). I have received training in investigations and
20 federal law enforcement from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)
21 and Rowley Training Center (RTC) and am a graduate of the Special Agent Training
22 program. Prior to my current assignment, I was an Infantry Officer in the United States
23 Army for four years.

24 2. The information contained in this Criminal Complaint is based on my
25 personal
26 knowledge, training, experience, and investigation as well as information relayed to me
27 by other law enforcement agents involved in this investigation. I have not included in this

1 Criminal Complaint every fact known to me or to other law enforcement officers
 2 surrounding this investigation. Rather, I have included only those facts necessary to
 3 establish probable cause that RODERICK HISOLA WHITT committed the offense
 4 alleged in this complaint.

5 SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE

6 3. On or about January 11, 2024, at approximately 02:21:50 EDT with a call
 7 duration of 44 seconds, RODERICK HISOLA WHITT left the following voicemail
 8 message on USCP's Threats Main Line number 202-224-1495:

9 "Yea its RODERICK HISOLA WHITT. The real second. I'm here in
 10 Seattle [inaudible] I'ma come over there and I'm going to hunt down Joe
 11 Biden and Kevin McCarthy and I'm going to fucking kill them.
 12 RODERICK HISOLA WHITT. Death threats towards the President,
 13 Politicians, always. Until the day I die and ascend. I hope you're
 understanding me. I hope you get this message. RODERICK HISOLA
 WHITT. I am your worst fucking nightmare. I'm your biggest threat. Kill
 me and find out."

14 The number WHITT called USCP from was 206-990-4334, a T-Mobile phone number;
 15 the basic subscriber info released from T-Mobile shows 206-990-4334 is used by
 16 Roderick WHITT. The address listed on the subscriber information is 2720 E Madison
 17 St, Seattle, WA 98112-4739, the address being Bailey-Boushay House, an assisted living
 18 facility where WHITT has previously been a patient. The T-Mobile number 206-990-
 19 4334 is currently being used by WHITT to text Assistant Special Agent in Charge
 20 (ASAIC) Trent Heinrichs (Heinrichs) as discussed further below.

21 4. WHITT first came to the attention of the USSS on May 26, 2022, when
 22 WHITT called the FBI National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) insisting he was
 23 going to Washington, D.C. to speak with the President of the United States. At the time,
 24 WHITT's listed address was 2720 E Madison St, Seattle, WA 98112-4739. WHITT
 25 claimed his family had been negatively affected by their drug dealings with Hunter
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1 Biden, the President's son¹. On June 10, 2022, Senior Special Agent (SSA) Mike Spiess
2 of the USSS conducts a voluntary interview with WHITT. WHITT was located at 4219 S.
3 Othello Street, Apt. 625, Seattle, WA, and displayed signs of delusion by claiming he had
4 knowledge of high-level government executives involved in drug activities. WHITT
5 added that unidentified Chinese individuals were targeting him and his mother for
6 retribution because of their knowledge of those activities. WHITT also claimed he called
7 the FBI after he read Hunter Biden's book recounting the 1972 fatal car accident
8 involving the Biden family. WHITT added that his aunt also died in a car accident that
9 same year and was convinced the two accidents were in fact the same one. WHITT said
10 he planned to move to his hometown Twisp, WA to ensure his mother did not get
11 arrested. During this interview, WHITT denied any intention to harm the President of the
12 United States or any other individual protected by the USSS.² WHITT called the USSS –
13 Seattle Field Office multiple times that same day. Approximately two weeks later,
14 WHITT walked into the USSS – Seattle Office, claiming he had an appointment with the
15 agent who previously interviewed him on June 10, 2022. WHITT did not have an
16 appointment and was asked to leave the office.

17 5. On July 8, 2022, WHITT called the USSS – Seattle Field Office again, this
18 time saying he planned to travel to Washington, D.C., to sue Hunter
19 Biden. Approximately a month later, WHITT was detained by Amtrak Police in
20 Washington, D.C.'s Union Station for disorderly conduct. AMTRAK officers and
21 customers reported that WHITT claimed he was “the second coming of Christ,” and
22 stating “it was Barack Obama's fault.” After instructing WHITT to cease the harassment,
23 Officer Fales and Sergeant Davison, the responding officers, witnessed WHITT tell a
24 female patron of AMTRAK to “get the fuck away from me, or else,” noting WHITT was
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26 ¹ There is no evidence or indication that this statement is true.

27 ² These claims were not able to be verified due to the consensual nature of the interview and inability to conduct
investigatory search.

1 acting very erratic and continuing to talk to himself and walk around in circles. Based on
2 WHITT's comments, behaviors, and actions, Officer Fales and Sergeant Davison decided
3 that WHITT needed a mental health evaluation. WHITT was compliant when asked to
4 place his hands behind his back and was taken into custody with no incident. The
5 AMTRAK officers took WHITT to Washington Hospital Center to be admitted to a
6 psychological unit for further mental evaluation where WHITT made statements about
7 Hunter Biden being "a crack addict".

8 6. On August 8, 2022, just a couple days after his psychological evaluation at
9 Washington Hospital Center, WHITT entered the commercial lobby of Trump Tower in
10 Manhattan and asked to speak with former President Donald Trump. WHITT claimed he
11 had family connections to the drug trade and money laundering that who provided
12 WHITT with information about Hunter Biden and President Biden's family. WHITT
13 explained that he wanted to give this information to former President Trump to assist
14 former President Trump in his next campaign. WHITT claimed his family helped the
15 Biden family pay a debt stemming from the Biden family fatal car crash in 1972. He
16 repeated that his family's ties to the drug trade were linked to Hunter Biden and drug
17 addiction issues in Washington, D.C. WHITT stated that the 2020 Presidential election
18 was rigged due to former President Trump combatting the drug crisis. He expressed his
19 desire to meet with former President Trump and an attorney so that he could sue Hunter
20 Biden for the mental anguish he had caused to WHITT's family.

21 7. On August 17, 2022, the US Capitol Police reported WHITT left a
22 voicemail for Representative Kathleen Rice (NY) in which WHITT stated he was going
23 to "get her."

24 8. Between September 1, 2022, and September 11, 2022, WHITT left three
25 voicemails for United States Senator Maria Cantwell making references toward President
26 Biden, former President Trump, and Hunter Biden. WHITT referenced the fatal Biden
27 family 1972 car crash and wanting to "haul their [President Biden and Hunter Biden]

asses to court” and to bring criminal charges against them. He also spoke about “barging through the fucking White House” to “grab him [President Biden] by his fucking shriveled up fucking testicles and fucking yard him out there to fucking Pennsylvania Avenue....”

9. On September 13, 2022, WHITT walked into the USSS - Seattle field office again, unannounced, and asked to speak to “Agent Mike,” the USSS SSA who conducted WHITT’s interview on June 10, 2022. When WHITT was told SSA Mike Spiess was not available, WHITT stated that he could only talk to “Agent Mike.” WHITT then stated he was going to travel to Washington, D.C. When asked why he wanted to travel to Washington D.C., WHITT stated, “Because I’m a U.S. Citizen” before departing the office.

10. On January 10, 2023, WHITT called USCP to inform them he was at a hotel in Arlington, VA, and planned on traveling to Washington, D.C. The next day, two Protective Intelligence agents with USSS out of the Washington D.C. field office met with WHITT for a consensual interview, which was conducted at WHITT’s hotel in Arlington, VA. WHITT stated he was a descendant of Jesus and believed the President of the United States was after him. He expressed his goal was to get President Biden arrested and asked if local police would arrest President Biden or Congress. A review of WHITT’s Facebook account revealed a video posted the same day about religious conspiracies, First Lady Jill Biden, and referred to President Biden as “a fucking fossil.” WHITT said he traveled to Washington, D.C., to resolve the issues going on in Seattle, WA, claiming Hunter Biden was stalking him due to the information WHITT possessed regarding Hunter Biden’s alleged drug use. WHITT felt anything regarding the “Commander in Chief” was important and advised that “Agent Mike” had dismissed his concerns. WHITT believed Hunter Biden was stalking him and felt the death of his aunt was detailed in Hunter Biden’s book. He also made several nonsensical statements about religion.

11. On June 23, 2022, SSA Spiess conducted an interview with Thomas Kravitz, WHITT's social worker. WHITT has been utilizing the mental health treatment services of Baily-Boushay House for a few years, but due to The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) Kravitz could not go into detail about treatment plans, prescribed medications, or diagnosis. WHITT stated in the interview on June 10, 2022, that WHITT believed he was falsely diagnosed as Schizophrenic but would not elaborate any further regarding mental health issues/medications. Kravitz informed investigators that WHITT had told him he was planning to fly to the east coast to work with USCP to take down President Biden and the Democratic Party. According to Kravitz, WHITT did not usually act on his statements about travel and typically handled his issues through legal action. He explained WHITT's delusions isolated him from the community, so his support system was primarily comprised of medical personnel and social workers. WHITT's former social worker felt attention from law enforcement agencies worsened his delusions.

12. On January 23, 2023, at approximately 8:28 AM EST, the USCP Threat Assessment Section (TAS) received a call on 202-224-1495. The caller identification displayed the incoming number as 206-990-4334, owned by WHITT. Special Agent Joshua Bank with USCP answered the phone and WHITT stated, "I am going to kill Joe Biden", and concluded with "you better surround that mother fucker like the Alamo" before WHITT abruptly hung up the phone.

13. On January 25, 2023, and January 26, 2023, Congressman Adam Smith's (WA) office staff reported that WHITT made a hostile and threatening call from phone 206-990-4334 stating "I [WHITT] will fly to DC and strangle the Biden family. Adam Smith needs to watch out, as does this office, as I will be coming there first." He also stated: "Biden is going to be killed...do it now do it now."

14. On January 29, 2023, WHITT posted a one minute and five second video on his Facebook page stating he planned on visiting Washington, D.C., in March 2023

1 and would penetrate the White House by any means, up to and including his death, to
2 "wring" President Biden's neck. WHITT made these statements in an excited, loud
3 manner often shouting at the camera about his intent. WHITT claimed that to stop him
4 [WHITT]: "you are going to have to fucking kill me." It is unknown whether WHITT
5 traveled to DC in March of 2023.

6 15. On January 30, 2023, USCP reported that WHITT placed a rambling call to
7 the office of a US Representative regarding his belief of his family's crash along with the
8 Bidens, grandiose delusions of him [WHITT] being "the one"[reference to being the
9 second coming of Jesus Christ], and expressed his resolution to travel to Washington,
10 D.C.

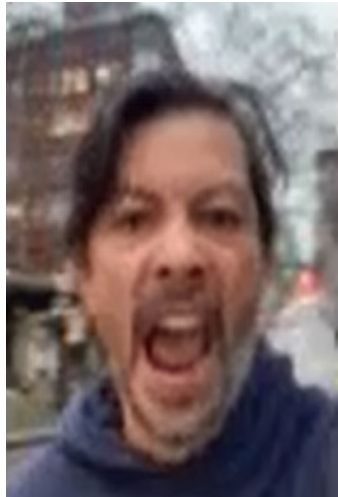
11 16. On October 8, 2023, USCP reported that WHITT made a number of phone
12 calls to the USCP Command Center, one of which contained a threat to kill President
13 Biden, "I'm going to kill President Joe Biden. I'm from Seattle, Washington. You have
14 no idea what's coming". Two days later, WHITT made more threatening statements.
15 Congressional staffers reported WHITT called and stated that "he [WHITT] had been
16 assaulted and would be coming to Washington D.C. to kill Joe Biden." WHITT was
17 called by ASAIC Heinrichs and WHITT invited ASAIC Heinrichs and SA Sidney
18 McKee of the USSS to his current residence at 201 Yesler Way Apt 603 Seattle, WA
19 98104 for an interview. At the interview, WHITT stated he was a direct descendant of
20 Jesus Christ and "I [WHITT] is the second coming." WHITT claimed he wanted to get
21 the attention of the USSS and to share his message with the US government that he is in
22 fact the second coming. WHITT claimed that the threat towards President Biden was
23 solely made to gain the attention of the USSS and made a written statement detailing that
24 WHITT does not intend to harm anyone and will no longer call the government. During
25 the interview, ASAIC Heinrichs and SA McKee observed a photograph of Hunter Biden
26 being displayed next to his culinary knives placed upon his apartment's windowsill.
27 WHITT explained to ASAIC Heinrichs and SA McKee that he believed the car crash that

1 killed his aunt and Hunter Biden's mother are related. WHITT's former care manager,
 2 Lauren Solares, of the Bailey-Boushay house, detailed that WHITT gets fixated on things
 3 easily and his delusions are baseline behavior.

4 17. On January 15, 2024, ASAIC Heinrichs of the USSS – Seattle Field Office
 5 attempted to interview WHITT at his residence after WHITT had left a voicemail on
 6 January 11, 2024, threatening to kill President Joe Biden and Kevin McCarthy as
 7 mentioned in paragraph 3 above. WHITT told investigators to “Fuck off. I [WHITT] do
 8 not want to speak with you anymore. I am going to Washington, DC.”

9 18. From January 15, 2024, to present, WHITT has sent approximately 200
 10 recordings of himself via text message to ASAIC Heinrichs, of USSS - Seattle, reiterating
 11 his belief he is the “second coming” and will soon die and ascend to heaven.

12 19. On January 31, 2024, WHITT sent ASAIC Heinrichs a fifty-four second
 13 video clip where he appears to be agitated and angry as he makes claims that he wants to
 14 die and that he wants someone to kill him. WHITT then goes on to state, “I’m [WHITT]
 15 going to kill Joe Biden, what are you going to do...”



24 Screenshots of January 31, 2024, video sent to ASAIC Heinrichs

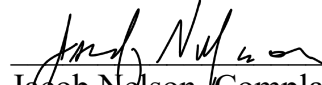
25 19. On December 16, 2016, WHITT was charged with an Ordinance violation
 26 by the Rockford Police Department in Rockford Illinois and on May 25, 2017, a non-
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extraditable warrant was issued for failure to appear in Winnebago County State Attorney's Office.

CONCLUSION

20. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that RODERICK HISOLA WHITT did knowingly and willfully make a threat to take the life of, to kidnap, and to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, 871.

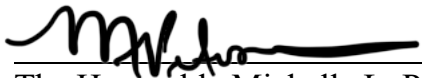
21. This complaint and affidavit are being submitted via reliable electronic means. Fed R. Crim. P. 4.1 & 41(d)(3).



Jacob Nelson, Complainant
Special Agent, United States Secret Service

The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the contents of the foregoing affidavit by telephone. Based on the Complaint and Affidavit sworn to before me, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant committed the offense set forth in the Complaint.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2024.



The Honorable Michelle L. Peterson
United States Magistrate Judge